

Claims (in revised format)

I claim:

1. (currently amended) A unitary connector that retrofits onto existing buildings and helps prevent hurricane and earthquake damage by positively connecting a roof to a wall, comprising:
 - a. a base web;
 - b. offset, angled, blocking webs, each having a generally right angled bend forming a rafter tab;
 - c. said rafter tabs are generally perpendicular to said blocking web;
 - d. said base web and each said blocking web connected by an offset web;
 - e. said offset web having an acute angled bend attached to said base web and another acute angled bend attached to said blocking web.
2. (previously amended) The connector of claim 1 wherein said base web having a generally flat, generally long-horizontal rectangular shape, with a plurality of nail holes for attachment to an exterior wall, and into underlying structural members.
3. (previously amended) The connector of claim 1 wherein said offset web connected to said base web by a first generally horizontal bend bent at an acute angle.
4. (previously amended) The connector of claim 3 wherein said offset web connected to said blocking web by a second generally horizontal bend bent at an acute angle.
5. (currently amended) The connector of claim 4 wherein said first and said second angled bends, attached to opposite ends of said offset web, having generally unequal, acute bends in opposite directions, thereby offsetting said blocking web at an acute angle, but generally vertical, from said base web, thereby avoiding frieze boards and blocking on a house.
6. (previously amended) The connector of claim 5 wherein said first and said second acute bends and said offset web forming said base web and said blocking web unparallel to each other forming a buttress between a rafter of said roof, said wall, and underlying structural members, thereby preventing said exterior wall from detaching from said roof rafter.
7. (previously amended) The connector of claim 1 wherein said blocking web having said generally right angle bends dividing said blocking web into left and right blocking webs.

8. (previously amended) The connector of claim 7 wherein said right angle bends form rafter tabs, off each said left and right blocking web, that are generally vertical, parallel, and having a plurality of nail holes for attachment to the sides of said roof rafter.
9. (previously amended) The connector of claim 7 wherein said connector having an offset web, and acute angles, thereby placing said blocking webs generally parallel to frieze boards and blocking on said house, and said blocking webs having a plurality of nail holes for attachment onto said frieze boards and blocking.
10. (previously amended) The connector of claim 1 wherein said base web, said rafter tabs, and said blocking webs having attaching means to an existing house for securing together an exterior wall and underlying structural members, to a roof rafter, and frieze boards and blocking, thereby preventing uplift and lateral movement from a hurricane and earthquake.

11-14. (canceled)

15-23. (allowed)